

**Town of West Hartford  
Conservation and Environment Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall, Room 314**

The Commission was called to order at 7:09 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Scott Sebastian, Ryan Langan, Matt Macunas, Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki, Emilee Mooney Scott, Stefanie Wnuck, and Emily Graner-Sexton were in attendance.

**Old Business:** Ryan Langan offered a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2017 meeting and the unofficial minutes from the March 2017 meeting. Seconded by Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki.

**Communications and News:** The CEC held elections for officer positions after receiving nominations over the course of previous meetings, and with no new nominations offered. CEC members present unanimously selected Matt Macunas as Chair and Ryan Langan as Vice-Chair, effective immediately.

**New Business:**

1. **175 North Main Street** - Application (IWW #1065) of William Hardy, President, FIP Construction, Inc., Record Owner/Applicant, requesting approval of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to conduct certain regulated activities, which may have an adverse impact on a wetland and watercourse area. The applicant proposes to construct a 2-car garage and an addition totaling approximately 766 square feet. The proposed garage will be located on a portion of current driveway. Minor modifications to the existing driveway will be made to accommodate the entrance into the new garage. A 672 sq.ft. deck replacing an existing 360 sq.ft. deck is also proposed. (Submitted for IWWA receipt on September 6, 2017. Presented for determination of significance.)

The applicant did not appear for the CEC meeting.

All proposed activity in this project would occur within regulated area. At least half of the property appears to be within the FEMA flood zone. The garage is estimated to be roughly 150 feet from the edge of the water. The CEC noted the applicant's written openness to establish an additional drainage swale from the roof if requested. All protections are in place to ensure debris does not flow into watercourse from construction.

The CEC has the following outstanding questions:

- There was no topography map to show gradation of land parcel. CEC members arrived at an indicative slope estimate using submitted photos that also portray silt fencing.

- The CEC would have asked the applicant to elaborate on the project remediation plan and precautions they intend to take.
- It is unknown if a separate staging area will be established for storage of excess dirt or project waste.

The Commission gives no recommendation on this application. The Planning & Zoning Commission may wish to address the aforementioned questions.

**Adjournment** motioned by Stefanie Wnuck, seconded by Ryan Langan.